



LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

County of Los Angeles
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Boulevard
Monterey Park, California 91754-2169



October 21, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE SHERIFF TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE
NATIONAL RAPE EVIDENCE PROJECT AND APPROVE
AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT
(ALL DISTRICTS) (4 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

- 1) Authorize the Sheriff of Los Angeles County, as agent for the County, to sign and execute a \$50,000 grant award agreement from the National Rape Evidence Project (NREP), and any subsequent amendments, contracts, modifications, extensions and augmentations pertaining to said grant award, upon review by the County Counsel and the Chief Administrative Office.
- 2) Approve the attached Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) in the amount of \$50,000 for funding that will be offset by NREP.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On September 18, 2003, the National Rape Evidence Project, a national campaign seeking to fund expedited DNA testing, sent a letter to notify the Sheriff's Department of their successful application for a grant award of \$50,000 for DNA testing of selected rape-related homicide cases (Attachment II). The grant period is effective September 5, 2003 through March 5, 2004.

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The NREP will reimburse the Sheriff's Department for submitting selected cases to the Serological Research Institute (SERI) for DNA testing. The Sheriff's Scientific Services Bureau Crime Laboratory will enter any relevant DNA profiles into the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). Results from the testing will be shared with the NREP.

This grant will enable the Sheriff's Crime Laboratory to submit homicide cases with a sexual assault component, which are backlogged due to a lack of funding, to an accredited laboratory for DNA testing.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The project conforms to the Los Angeles County Strategic goal of Service Excellence, as it will allow the Sheriff's Department to complete the analysis of otherwise backlogged serious crimes in a more timely manner. By completing the DNA analysis on these unsolved, heinous crimes and entering the results into the CODIS database, it is hoped that the perpetrators of these crimes can be identified and held accountable for their actions.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The \$50,000 grant award from the NREP will assist the Sheriff's Department with its backlog of DNA cases. The funds will be used to pay for DNA testing for nine (9) selected cases in which the suspect(s) of these horrendous crimes have not been apprehended. This testing may result in evidence that will help to convict a suspect and is thereby invaluable to the victim's family and the community. One case dates back to 1977.

The cost of the DNA testing is estimated at \$5,000 per case. Therefore, to cover any slight increases, the funding requested for the submitted list of nine (9) cases is for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.

No current year appropriation exists for this project. The attached Appropriation Adjustment (Attachment I) for \$50,000 is necessary to implement this program.

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FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contractual requirements of the grant award have been approved by County Counsel.

IMPACT OF CURRENT SERVICES

The grant will allow the Sheriff's Crime Laboratory to serve the residents of Los Angeles County in acquiring the evidence to possibly identify and convict the perpetrators of these horrific crimes. There will be no impact on current County services.

CONCLUSION

Upon the Board's action, the Sheriff's Department's Grants Unit needs to obtain four individually certified copies of the Board-adopted Letter.

The Sheriff's Department's Grants Unit contacts for the requested Board action are: Karen Anderson, Grants Manager, at (323) 526-5408, or Marcelle Murr, Grants Coordinator, at (323) 526-5222.

Sincerely,



LEROY D. BACA
SHERIFF

ATTACHMENT 1

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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTDEPT'S. 770
No.

DEPARTMENT OF SHERIFF

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AUDITOR-CONTROLLER.

THE FOLLOWING APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY BY THIS DEPARTMENT. WILL YOU PLEASE REPORT AS TO ACCOUNTING AND AVAILABLE BALANCES AND FORWARD TO THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR HIS RECOMMENDATION OR ACTION.

ADJUSTMENT REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

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- 4 VOTES -

SOURCES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
REVENUE - CHARGES FOR SERVICES, OTHER
A01 - SH - 15687 - 9461
\$50,000

USES

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
SERVICES & SUPPLIES
A01 - SH - 15687 - 2000
\$50,000

JUSTIFICATION:

This grant will enable the Sheriff's Crime Lab to submit sexual assault, rape-related homicide cases, that are backlogged due to a lack of funding, to an accredited laboratory for DNA testing.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Glen Dragovich
GLEN DRAGOVICH, ASST. DIRECTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

REFERRED TO THE CHIEF
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FOR—

ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVED AS REQUESTED

AS REVISED

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CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

APPROVED (AS REVISED):
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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BY

DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK

No.

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SEND 6 COPIES TO THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER



ATTACHMENT 2

September 18, 2003

Dean Gialamas
Assistant Director, Scientific Services Bureau
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
2020 West Beverly Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90057

Advisory Board:

Howard Safir

Christl Collier

Cecelia Crouse

Linda Fairstein

Paul Ferrara

Charlotte Johnston

Debbie Smith

Derek Smith

Executive Director:

Lauren Waits

Dear Mr. Gialamas:

Congratulations on your successful application for a grant from the National Rape Evidence Project. This letter is to confirm our commitment to support outsourced DNA evidence testing of the following cases as requested by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department:

File Numbers:

- 079-02567-1615-011
- 077-15847-1324-018
- Y079351
- 098-0625101310-011
- 002-16093-2141-011
- 089-33873-2536-011
- 001-04666-0880-011
- 093-36491-1351-011
- 003-02902-3199-011

As we discussed recently, The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department ("LASD") will submit the above-listed cases to SERI as soon as practicable, but no later than 6 months from receipt of this letter, for DNA testing. The National Rape Evidence Project confirms via this letter that it will pay for services up to \$50,000 total for DNA testing of the listed cases. You may then submit SERI invoices for the cases listed above to the National Rape Evidence Project for payment within 30 days of our receipt of the invoice. After DNA testing is performed, the LASD will enter any relevant DNA profiles generated into CODIS at the earliest possible opportunity, and report any CODIS hits to the National Rape Evidence Project as soon as possible. Failure to follow these steps will be grounds for withdrawal of the grant and require reimbursement of the full amount to the National Rape Evidence Project.

We share your commitment to justice in these cases and eagerly anticipate learning the outcome of DNA testing. Please call me directly at 770-752-6157 if you have any questions about the terms listed above, or any other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Waits".

Lauren Waits
Executive Director